

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-403A, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLE VEHICLES; AND AMEND-
3 ING SECTION 49-403C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF
4 MULTIPLE MOTORCYCLES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 49-403A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 49-403A. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT -- LICENSE PLATES. (1) Purple heart
10 recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or
11 an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States,
12 reserve forces or Idaho national guard and who furnishes proof of entitle-
13 ment by providing one (1) of the following documents:

14 (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the
15 purple heart medal;

16 (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

17 (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the
18 applicant.

19 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall
20 be charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever
21 title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this sec-
22 tion is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the pur-
23 ple heart recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment
24 of the required transfer fees. He may display the plates only after receipt
25 of new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient ~~shall not~~
26 may register more than two (2) multiple vehicles under the provisions of this
27 section. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with
28 a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds,
29 nor to any vehicle registered under section 49-434 (5), Idaho Code.

30 (3) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed
31 on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipi-
32 ent. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient
33 is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient license
34 plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of
35 the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such
36 plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

37 (4) The purple heart recipient license plates shall be of a color and
38 design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and
39 approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by
40 the department.

41 (5) Effective January 1, 2015, for those purple heart recipients who
42 are listed as an owner of the vehicle who also qualify as disabled pursuant

1 to section 49-410, Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also
 2 appear on the purple heart license plates. Such requirements must be met
 3 upon application for the license plates. Those plates with the disability
 4 symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the require-
 5 ments of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.

6 (6) A purple heart recipient who qualifies for a disabled veteran fee
 7 exemption under section 49-403, Idaho Code, shall have a choice between a
 8 purple heart recipient license plate or a disabled veteran license plate and
 9 shall not be charged a plate fee or a fee for registration or reregistration
 10 of the motor vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to the
 11 vehicle originally purchased under this authorization and also to any ve-
 12 hicle subsequently purchased and owned by the same veteran. The privilege
 13 shall not extend to more than one (1) vehicle owned by the veteran at a time.

14 SECTION 2. That Section 49-403C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 15 amended to read as follows:

16 49-403C. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE. (1) On and
 17 after January 1, 2015, any person who is the owner of a motorcycle registered
 18 under the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, may apply for and upon
 19 department approval receive a purple heart motorcycle license plate in lieu
 20 of a regular motorcycle license plate.

21 (2) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any appli-
 22 cant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces
 23 of the United States, reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who fur-
 24 nishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

25 (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the
 26 purple heart medal;

27 (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

28 (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the
 29 applicant.

30 (3) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be
 31 charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever title
 32 or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is
 33 transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart
 34 recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the re-
 35 quired transfer fees. He may ~~only~~ display the plates only after receipt of
 36 new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient ~~shall not~~
 37 may register more than two (2) multiple vehicles under the provisions of this
 38 section.

39 (4) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed
 40 on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipi-
 41 ent. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient
 42 is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient motor-
 43 cycle license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or af-
 44 ter January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for
 45 the plates. Such plates shall be used on a motorcycle owned by the surviving
 46 spouse.

47 (5) The purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates shall be of a
 48 color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart associ-

1 ation and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as deter-
2 mined by the department.

3 (6) For those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner ~~on~~ of
4 a motorcycle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section 49-410, Idaho
5 Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple
6 heart motorcycle license plates. Such requirements must be met upon appli-
7 cation for the motorcycle license plates. Those plates with the disability
8 symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the require-
9 ments of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.